Drug Smuggling in Assam

6976. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the cases of drug smuggling detected in Assam during each of the last three years and the details of the narcoticd rugs seized;

(b) the number of prosecutions launched in this regard and the outcome of such cases; and

(c) the details of the disposal of seized drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Widening of Guwahati–Tezpur Section of National Highway

6977. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to widen and develop the Guwahati–Tezpur section of National highway to ease the problem of traffic congestion; and

(b) if so, the amount proposed to be sanctioned for the purpose during the year 1992–93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). there are two alternative National highway routes between Guwahati and Tezpur – one via Nagaon and other via Baihata Charali. Both these routes are two–lane wide. At present there is no proposal to widen these routes. Other development works on these routes will be taken up during 1992–93 as per provisions in the 8th Five Year Plan which is yet to be finalised.

Export Processing Zone, Visakhapatnam

6978. SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the project cost of the Visakhapatnam Export Processing zone;

(b) the progress made so far for setting up of the above zone; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) The capital cost on account of land and development of th first phase of the zone is estimated to be Rs. 17.00 crores approx.

(b) An amount of Rs. 3.34 crores has been released towards the cost of land and development of requisite infrastructure. Work on th boundary wall, internal roads drainage etc. is in progress.

(c) The basic internal infrastructure of the zone is likely to be completed in the current financial year, subject to availability of funds.

Exodus of Officers from Navy

6979. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA:
SHRI S.B. THORAT:
SHRI SANAT KUAMR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: